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SUBJECT: SACCO AND VANZETTI

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED FOLLOWING TELEGRAM, JANUARY 30, FROM PSI LEADER PIETRO NENNI: QTE. MR. AMBASSADOR: ON AUGUST 23, 1927, THERE OCCURRED IN THE UNITED STATE THE EXECUTION OF THE DEATH SENTENCE AGAINST THE TWO ITALIAN ANARCHISTS, NICOLA SACCO AND BARTOLOMEO VANZETTI. SINCE THEN THE SENTENCE AND THE EXECUTIONS HAVE BEEN THE OBJECT OF POLEMICS, BOTH IN ITALY AND AMERICA, TO IRREGUTABLY DEMONSTRATE THE ERROR OF THE JUDGMENT. A MEETING HELD TODAY IN THE 50TH YEAR AFTER THE EXECUTIONS, IN WHICH THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MOST QUALIFIED POLITICAL, LABOR, AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS PARTICIPATED, ASKS THAT YOU, MR. AMBASSADOR, PASS ON TO THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES THE HOPE THAT HE WILL UNDERTAKE THE REVISION OF A PRECESS WHICH CONCLUDED 50 YEARS AGO WITH A DENIAL OF JUSTICE. WITH REGARDS, YOURS, PIETRO NENNI. UNQTE.

2. THE ABOVE TELEGRAM FOLLOWS MEETING IN ROME JANUARY 29 OF AN "INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE REHABILITATION OF SACCO AND VANZETTI." ACCORDING TO PAPERS WHICH REPORTED THE EVENT (UNITA, PAESE SERA, MESSAGGERO, IL GIORNALE) THE COMMITTEE INCLUDES PCI'S BERLINGUER AND TERRACINI, DC'S ZACCAGNINI, PRI'S LA MALFA, PLUS MITTERAND AND SOARES, ALTHOUGH NONE OF THESE (OTHER THAN TERRACINI)

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WERE REPORTED AS PRESENT AT THE MEETING. SISTER VANZETTI AND NEPHEW OF SACCO WERE REPORTEDLY PRESENT. TERRACINI GAVE PRINCIPAL ADDRESS ASSERTING THAT INNOCENCE OF SACCO AND VANZETTI NOW ACCEPTED EVERYWHERE, INCLUDING IN THE US. HE ASSERTED THAT SACCO AND VANZETTI WERE EXCUTED BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT AMERICAN BORN AND BECAUSE THEY WERE ENGAGED IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST CAPITALISM AND FOR COMMUNISM. TERRACINI AND COMMUNIST PAPERS REPORTING EVENT,

ASSUME THAT THERE IS A LEGAL PROCEDURE BY WHICH US PRESIDENT
COULD PARDON SACCO AND VANZETTI.

3. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, SACCO/VANZETTI CASE HAS BEEN THE
SUBJECT OF A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF ATTENTION IN THE LEFT PRESS IN
ITALY OVER PAST YEAR OR SO. PERHAPS COINCIDENTALLY, ITALIAN TV
THIS WINTER RAN A BASICALLY UNFRIENDLY PRIME INSTALLMENT SERIES ON
THE ROSENBERG CASE. GIVEN THIS ATMOSPHERE, AND THE FACT THAT THE
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PRESUMABLY CAN DO NOTHING VIS-A-VIS A 50-YEAR
OLD MASSACHUSETTS COURT JUDGMENT (EVEN IF IT WERE SO DISPOSED), WE
SEE NO POINT IN PROVIDING OCCASION FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION IN THE
ITALIAN PRESS. ACCORDINGLY, IN ABSENCE OF INSTRUCTIONS TO THE
CONTRARY, WE PROPOSE TO SIMPLY ACKNOWLEDGE NENNI'S TELEGRAM AND
TELL HIM WE HAVE FORWARDED IT TO WASHINGTON AS REQUESTED.BEAUDRY

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